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PUBLIC MEETING SET TO DISCUSS SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET ENHANCEMENTS

WAKE FOREST, NC – July 18, 2006 – A public workshop is scheduled for Monday, July 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Town Hall to discuss enhancements along South Franklin Street from Wait Avenue to the NC 98 bypass. The improvements include the installation of a landscaped median and roundabouts on South Franklin Street as well as sidewalks, lighting and gateway design features.

Wake Forest residents who live, work, or own property along South Franklin Street or have an interest in the future of downtown Wake Forest are encouraged to participate. Planners and engineers from the Town and the project consultant, Kimley-Horne and Associates, Inc., will be available to discuss the overall roadway design and landscaping.

Corridor maps, renderings and computer modeling will be on hand to demonstrate the planned improvements. The consultant team will also spend time discussing the operational benefits of the roundabouts and the proper way to navigate these types of intersections.

In May 2003, the Town of Wake Forest developed the Renaissance Downtown Master Plan. The plan sets forth a vision for a walkable mixed-use downtown. The designs that will be presented during the public workshop represent the first actions taken to implant the Renaissance Plan vision. After the public workshop, plans will be finalized and the project will be set for public bid and construction.

For more information, contact Deputy Town Manager Roe O'Donnell at (919) 554-6121.

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